

# **Fairhouse Primary School**



## **Charging & Remissions Policy**

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We provide a creative curriculum for children in our care. It is recognised that educational visits enhance teaching and learning. Where education is provided wholly or mainly during school hours, it should be free. It is therefore not possible to levy a compulsory charge for transport or admission costs for swimming lessons or for visits to museums etc during the school hours. However, without financial support, the school would not be able to maintain the quality and number of educational experiences we plan to provide for our children.

### **Voluntary Contributions**

Parents are asked for a voluntary contribution towards the cost of:

- Trips and visits
- Transport to swimming
- After school clubs

Every effort is made to keep the costs reasonable and most activities are subsidised by the school budget or through fund raising means. Charges are based on actual costs incurred, divided by numbers of children attending. The contribution will be genuinely voluntary and the pupils of parents who are unable or unwilling to contribute will not be discriminated against.

Where there are not enough voluntary contributions to make the activity possible, and there is no way to make up the shortfall, the activity will be cancelled.

### **Residential Trips**

Our annual residential experience for Year 6 children is subsidised by the school. We are permitted to charge for the cost of board and lodging during the residential school trip (this cost will not exceed the actual cost of the provision). Parents are provided with ample time to pay via instalments to help spread the overall cost. Parents who have more than one child wishing to attend, or who are experiencing financial difficulty, may approach the school to be considered for additional support (see Remissions below).

If there are insufficient contributions to make up the shortfall, the residential trip will be cancelled. The school will often subsidise costs, especially transport, from school fund.

### **Remissions**

In circumstances of family hardship that makes it difficult for children to take part in a particular activity for which a charge is made, parents may apply in confidence for the remission of charges in part or full. Authorisation for the remission of charges will be made by the Headteacher as the decision will depend upon the availability of resources. The school's "Charging and Remissions Policy" is reviewed every two years, or earlier if considered necessary.